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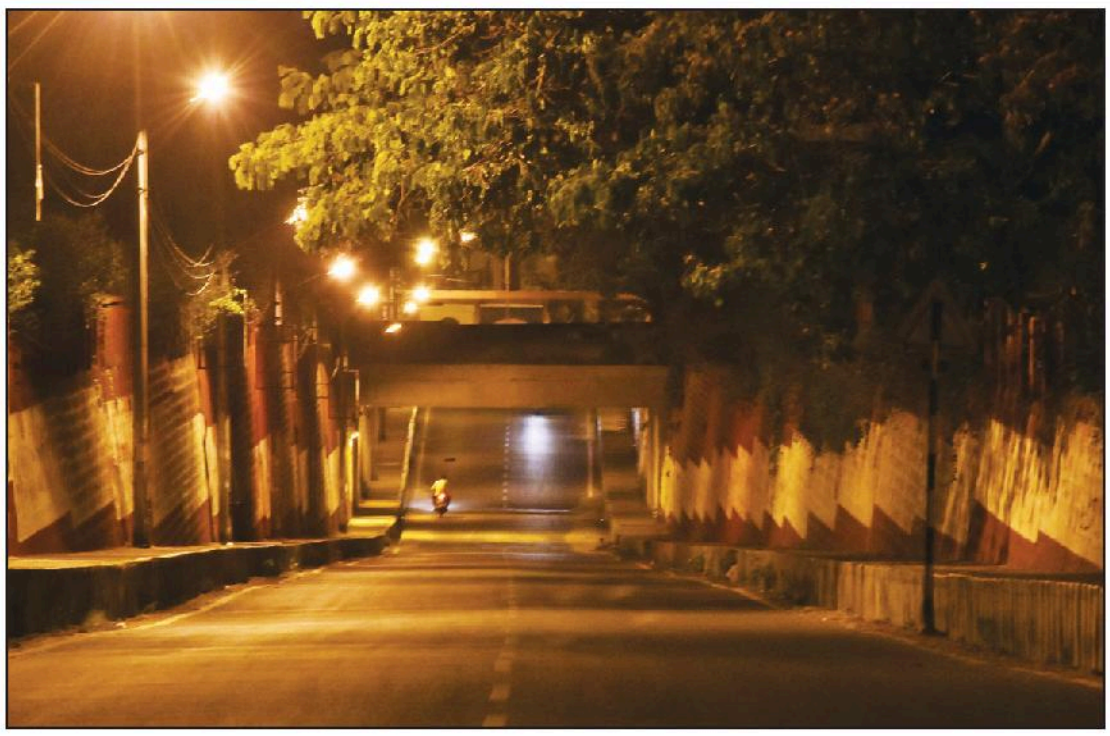
80,000 street lights to be replaced with LED bulbs

Project worth Rs. 108 crore, global tenders invited

MCC to save 40 to 55 percent of Rs. 28 crore spent annually on street lights



Mysuru, Jan. 5 (RK&BCT)- The 2015-16 proposal of the State Government to replace conventional street lights with energy-efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights in Mysuru will soon become a reality as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has invited global tenders to replace over 80,000 street lights across the city including 2,300 bulbs along the 42-km Outer Ring Road (ORR).

With an intention to save on energy costs, the Government, during its 2015-16 Budget, had proposed to replace conventional bulbs including tube lights, high-pressure sodium, mercury vapour, and metal halide lights (halogen lamps) with LED bulbs in City Corporations outside Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and had selected Mysuru for the pilot project.

Accordingly, the Government issued an order in 2018 to implement the project on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. The project aims to provide sustainable and energy efficient smart lighting. Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that the Government had already released Rs. 108 crore for the project.

There are over 80,000 street lights and more than 20,000 poles across Mysuru city and every year, the MCC spends Rs. 28 crore to maintain the bulbs and also foot the electricity bill. "Once the project is realised, we will be able to save Rs. 12 crore to Rs. 15 crore per year. The Rs. 108 crore will be a working capital for MCC and every year, the money saved from the project has to be paid back to the Government," he explained.

Tenders to be opened on Jan. 20

Global tenders for the project has been called on Dec. 19 and the tenders will be opened on Jan. 20. The response is good and a qualified bidder will get the tender. "Works will start immediately and we aim to complete the LED lighting project by Dec. 2021," he said and added that the firm that bags the tender will have the responsibility of operating and maintaining the system for seven years.

Though LED street lights cost more up front, reduced costs for energy and maintenance over the working life of LED street lights mean they can pay for themselves in longer run, he explained.

(See STREET LIGHTS on page 7)

One bribery case, two disciplinary actions

Govt. suspends Village Accountant while transfers Revenue Inspector

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (KS)- The State Government has followed two yardsticks to punish a Revenue Inspector and a Village Accountant, who had been caught red-handed while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs. 40,000 from a farmer for Khata transfer. While the Village Accountant has been suspended, the Revenue Inspector has been transferred.

Varuna Hobli Revenue Inspector K.S. Anil Kumar and Chikkahalli Village Accountant Satish were trapped by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths at Taluk Office in Mysuru on Dec. 15.

But to take action on the two trapped officers, the State Government has followed two separate rules. It has suspended Village Accountant Satish pending enquiry while it has transferred Anil Kumar without suspension. The suspension order was issued by Mysuru DC yesterday.

In an order passed on Jan. 4, Revenue Department (Services-2) Under Secretary R. Yadukumar transferred Anil Kumar as Revenue Inspector, Bannur Hobli in T. Narasipur. He will replace D.S. Shankar and in turn, Shankar will occupy the post of Varuna Hobli Revenue Inspector.

(See BRIBERY on page 7)

Bird Flu Scare in Kerala

Mysuru Zoo, Bird Sanctuary on high alert

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (MTY&KS)- After Kerala was placed on high alert on Monday following outbreak of bird flu in Kottayam and Alappuzha districts, Mysuru Zoo and Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary have been put on high alert.

Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni, speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning said that the Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) and the Union Government had written a letter to the Zoo about three days back asking them to be alert.

Pointing out that migratory birds do not arrive at the Zoo, he said that precautionary steps such as spraying of disinfectants and giving immunity boosters through food to birds are being undertaken at the Zoo. The Zoo staff are constantly monitoring the behaviour and health of the birds and are looking out for any symptoms of bird flu in them.

Meanwhile, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary Range Forest Officer (RFO) K. Surendra said that In-charge DCF (Wildlife) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar yesterday visited the sanctuary and instructed the staff to inspect all 23 islands at the bird sanctuary.

(See BIRD FLU on page 7)

To Our Readers

*Turn to Page-6 for Point of View by TJS George titled "**Columnist thinks he is God: Governor.**"* —Ed

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 5th January 2021

Students want Semester End Exam online but VTU says 'No'

Mysuru, Jan.5 (SSV)- Even as students of National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, want online conduct of Semester End Examination (SEE), Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, has directed all autonomous, non-autonomous, UG and PG centres of VTU to conduct SEE, both theory and practicals/laboratory, only in offline (in-person) mode by adhering to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) guidelines of COVID-19 pandemic.

A few NIE students have expressed their concern over holding SEE from Jan. 18 at a time when the scare of a new strain of COVID-19 was very imminent. In a letter to Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha recently, they said, "Many of us have to come from different States to Mysuru. This can prove to be very dangerous because all of us depend on public transport. This increased exposure puts students who are travelling, and subsequently other students and the faculty at a greater risk. Several students come from households with aged people, a lot of whom are co-morbid, and might not be able to fight the virus. Many of us have lost family members and loved ones due to COVID, and do not wish to lose more loved ones due to a situation that can be avoided if only the exams are conducted in an online mode."

They pointed out that all the teaching that has been done is through online mode. "We understand that given the pandemic, there was no alternative solution, but online learning hasn't been as effective as offline classes, which has resulted in unsatisfactory exposure to the syllabus, despite the fact that the teachers have tried their best to impart knowledge to us. The College wants our parents to sign a No Objection Certificate which clearly states that they are in no way responsible for the student's health."

"We haven't been given clear information regarding the action that will be taken if by any chance a student is tested positive. In terms of the exam, she/he will have to take up the supplementary examination. This is a worrisome matter for all final year students as many of us already have jobs and writing a supplementary exam might affect us adversely," the students said.

"Moreover most of the portions from various branches are not yet completed. We are having just 7 days as the exam is being conducted from Jan.18 and in-between we have to face 3rd internals from Jan. 7 to 9 (online mode) and approximately 1-2 days into travelling. Hence, let the SEE be also conducted in online mode or else at least postpone these dates," they said.

Internal Assessment Exams

Meanwhile, VTU Registrar, Prof. A.S. Deshpande has said, however, Class Sessions and Internal Assessment Examinations (CIE) are to be conducted in blended (offline/online) mode until further orders. Offline mode for these activities is permitted only if the students agree for the same, he added.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A New Year is a new beginning, something to look forward to. At this time of the year, we generally take stock of the year gone by and plan for the year ahead, and how we can improve in various aspects of our lives. As we resolve to improve physically, mentally, emotionally, and intellectually, we should not forget the most important arena — the spiritual arena. If our spirit is healed, we will be well in all other arenas. So, we need to focus on those activities that will heal our spirit. We need to focus on our greatest gift — the gift of this human birth. Living at the level of our physical senses, we believe that the input received through our senses is all we can experience. We spend our time searching for lasting joy and happiness in this transient world, little realising that there are spiritual worlds beyond this earth. We all need to meditate plenty and put in as much time as possible into our spiritual practices in the New Year; it will bring progress in leaps and bounds. May the grace of God be with each of you in abundance in the New Year. May this year be one in which all aspects of our life get better, and we pay more attention to the most important aspect of life, the spiritual aspect. — *Sant Rajinder Singh in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Ex-Mercedes staff on $6 Million wrecking spree

Vitoria: A disgruntled former Mercedes Benz employee has been arrested for going on a wrecking spree at the company's plant in Spain. The 38-year-old allegedly destroyed around 50 brand new vans at the plant where he used to work, which is estimated to have caused around $6 million worth of damage.

On December 31, the former car factory worker stole a JCB which he drove to the factory located on an industrial estate in the Basque capital Vitoria. He then went on a wrecking spree, damaging several luxury vehicles. The damaged vans included high-end V class vehicles, which were worth nearly 90,000 pounds, along with a number of electric Vitos.

The attack was so extreme that a security guard had to fire a shot in the air to get the suspect to stop while waiting for the Police.

Well-preserved ice age Woolly Rhino found

Yakutia : A well-preserved Ice Age woolly rhino with many of its internal organs still intact has been recovered from permafrost in Russia's extreme north.

The carcass was revealed by melting permafrost in Yakutia in August. Scientists are waiting for ice roads in the Arctic region to become passable to deliver it to a lab for studies next month.

It's among the best-preserved specimens of the Ice Age animal found to date. The carcass has most of its soft tissues still intact, including part of the intestines, thick hair and a lump of fat. Its horn was found next to it.

Recent years have seen major discoveries of mammoths, woolly rhinos, Ice Age foal, and cave lion cubs as the permafrost increasingly melts across vast areas of Siberia because of global warming. Valery Plotnikov, a Paleontologist said that the young rhino was likely drowned.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth : Cranberry juice can treat Urinary Tract Infection

Fact : Cranberry juice extracts can prevent bacteria from adhering to bladder and thus can decrease risk of recurrent Urinary Tract Infection to certain extent

By Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant Urology

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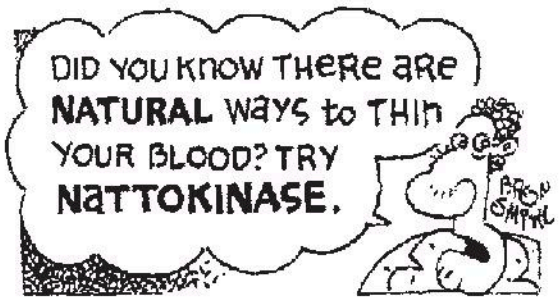

Taking low-dose aspirin daily lowers the risk of heart attack. Aspirin has also been shown to offer protection against stroke and cancer, including lung, breast, stomach, esophageal, colon, prostate and ovarian cancers.

COVID UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 3	JAN. 4
Positive Cases	43	20
Total Positive Cases	52,541	52,561
Discharges	67	73
Total Discharges	51,161	51,234
Deaths	2	0
Total Deaths	1,017	1,017
Total Active Cases	363	310

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Bags Jyotisha Vidyabhushana title

Mysuru, Jan.5- **M.Ravikumar,** a resident of Aravindnagar in the city, has bagged 'Jyotisha Vidyabhushana' title given by Divyajyothee College of Astrology, Bengaluru, coming under Karnataka Sanskrit University. He was presented the title at a function organised by the College recently.

Ravikumar is a practitioner of Astrological Science,Yoga, Vastu and Indian Heritage.

REALLY...?

- *The world's highest cricket ground is in Chail, Himachal Pradesh. Built in 1893 after levelling a hilltop, this cricket pitch is 2,444 metres above sea level.*
- *The Art of Navigation & Navigating was born in the river Sindh over 6,000 years ago. The very word Navigation is derived from the Sanskrit word 'NAVGATIH'. The word navy is also derived from the Sanskrit word 'Nou'.*
- *Varanasi, also known as Benaras, was called "the Ancient City" when Lord Buddha visited it in 500 B.C., and is the oldest, continuously inhabited city in the world today.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy: *My girlfriend brokeup with me and sent me pics of her with her new boyfriend.*

Friend: *Really bad, what did you do?*

Boy: *I sent those pics to her father !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.09
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.44
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.90
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.68

VOICE OF THE READER

Pathetic condition of Water Tank Road in Vijayanagar

Sir,

The Water Tank Road in Vijayanagar is in a pathetic state with lot of pits and potholes throughout the stretch, especially the road connecting Vijayanagar Water Tank to Krishna Devaraya (KD) Circle is in a dilapidated condition.

It is causing lot of inconvenience to two and four-wheelers who commute daily via that road especially during night. It may lead to fatal accidents if it is not repaired immediately. It is in this present sorry state almost since more than a year.

No elected representative — either MP, MLA or Corporator— bothered to address this problem till today. This shows their callous attitude towards the problem.

Hence, I appeal to the local MP, MLA, Corporator and other authorities concerned to at least wake up now and get the road repaired at the earliest.

—Arun Kumar
Chamarajapuram
30.12.2020

Murderous attack: Sait unhappy over Police probe

Tanveer Sait

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (OSR)- Expressing unhappiness over the pace of investigation on the murderous assault on him on the night of Nov. 17, 2019 at a marriage function, Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait has said that Special Investigation Team (SIT) must be formed to prevent attacks on VIPs.

"The attack took place on me on November 2019 and this is January 2020 but the assault case is still shrouded in mystery. Questions like who was behind the attack and what was the purpose still remain unanswered," he said speaking to reporters at his house yesterday.

Though the Police had formed an SIT at their level, the investigation has not made much headway and the accused have been granted bail. "Neither the Government nor the Police have given out any information on the assault case. The Government has failed to prevent such attacks on VIPs and politicians," he rued.

Not hiding his displeasure on Police investigation, Sait said, "If the accused can get bail in such a serious case, we can assume how the Police have investigated the case and what type of evidence did the investigating officer submit to the Court of law. This is anybody's guess," he added.

The MLA further said that the Government cannot wash its hands off after giving a gunman and Police security.

"We cannot go with gunman and security everywhere and during all times. The Government must ensure that such attacks do not take place. Efficient SITs must be formed to prevent such attacks in the future and the SIT itself will be a deterrent. I have already discussed the issue with the Home Minister," the MLA added.

"Even MP Tejasvi Surya has got death threats. First of all, politics stinks and now death threat hangs over politicians' heads like a Damocles' Sword. In this situation, will youngsters enter politics? They are in two minds. A conducive atmosphere must be made for honest youths to enter politics," Sait said.

Mayoral polls

On Mayoral election, the MLA said that the existing alliance between Congress and JD(S) in the Mysuru City Corporation would continue. "I have already spoken to State JD(S) President and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy. K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh has taken the responsibility and he has not reacted as he is indisposed. I will discuss the issue with him in another two to three days," Sait added.

MMC&RI Director against filling up of Group C and D posts on contract basis

Dr. Nanjaraj

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that Pharma personnel and Nursing and Paramedical staff play a vital role in health services, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj said it is not correct to appoint these personnel on a contract basis in the Health Department.

He was speaking after inaugurating 59th National Pharmacy Week organised by Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Unit of Karnataka State Pharmacy Officers Association at a private hotel on Dewan's road on Sunday.

Noting that the Government makes appointment to Group C and D posts in Health Department on a contract basis on many occasions, Dr. Nanjaraj contended that contract appointments will impact the efficacy of health services. He said that he has written to the Government many times on making regular appointments to these key posts.

Highlighting the role of Pharmacists in healthcare, he called upon the Pharmacists to be updated with the latest advancements in Pharmaceutical sector.

Contending that Human Resources is an important factor in the Pharma industry, he said that everyone should learn from the lessons of COVID-19 pandemic outbreak last year.

All India and Karnataka State Pharmacy Officers Association President Dr. B.S. Desai, who delivered the keynote address, regretted decline in Government programmes on knowledge development for Pharmacists.

Pointing out that the Government is facing staff shortage for logistical support in Pharma distribution, he said that this has resulted in pressure on the existing staff.

He urged the Government to fill up 3,500 Pharma vacancies in the State. He also urged the authorities to crackdown on multiple number of pharmacies operating under one licence.

DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, who was the guest of honour, said that though Pharmacists are not seen in the forefront of healthcare, they are doing a great service to society staying in the background.

Retired Pharmacists were felicitated on the occasion.

Health and Family Welfare Department Joint Director Dr. M.R. Udaykumar, Mysuru DHO Dr. T. Amarnath, Chamarajanagar DHO Dr. M.C. Ravi, Deputy Controller of Drugs B.P. Arun, Pharmacy Officers Association office-bearers M.Vijayalakshmi, C.L. Somashekar and others were present.

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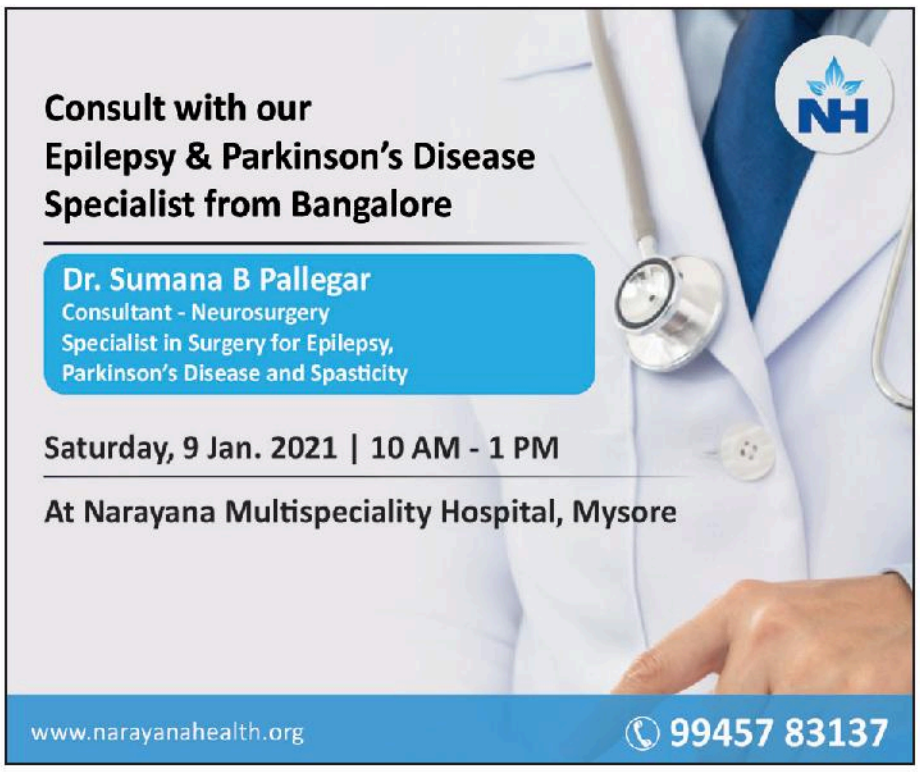


NEWS BRIEFS

Calling free library service providers

Department of Public Libraries, under the Non-Matching Scheme of Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, has invited applications from voluntary organisations providing free library service in Mysuru district to obtain financial assistance for the year 2020-21. The prescribed application form can be obtained from the Office of the Deputy Director or Central Libraries and the filled-in forms must be submitted before Jan. 15. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2423678 or 2430343, according to a press release from the Deputy Director of the Department of Public Libraries.

Day-long training for farmers

The District Agriculture Training Centre has organised a day-long training for farmers on 'Value-added oilseeds-based products' on Jan. 8. Only 50 farmers from Mysuru can participate in the training during which lunch will be arranged for participants. Interested may register their names with Assistant Agriculture Director H.B. Madhulatha on Mob: 99454-93589, according to a press release from the Centre Director.

M. Tech in Tool Engineering

Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru, has invited applications for admission to two-year M. Tech in Tool Engineering (AICTE and VTU affiliated) for the academic year 2020-21. Engineering graduates (BE) in Mechanical, Industrial Production, Automobile, Marine, Automation and Robotics, including those who have written PG-CET, are eligible to apply for the course. For details, contact Mob: 92439-89954, according to a press release from the GTTC Principal.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	118.63 ft
Yesterday	118.66 ft
Inflow	747 cusecs
Outflow	989 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.27 ft
Inflow	312 cusecs
Outflow	250 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,820.18 ft
Inflow	163 cusecs
Outflow	30 cusecs

Officials asked to continue strict measures to tackle COVID-19

State Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar (extreme left) addressing top officials of Mysuru — (clockwise from left) Regional Commissioner G.C. Prakash, ZP CEO B.A. Paramesh, DHO Dr. T. Amarnath, DC Rohini Sindhuri, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta — at ATI premises in city on Sunday.

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (MTY&DM)- State Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar on his first visit to the city, after taking charge of the post on Dec. 31, 2020 following the retirement of T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, instructed the officials to continue the strict measures in place for the next two months as well in order to tackle the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

He was addressing top officials of the District Administration at Administrative Training Institute (ATI) auditorium on Lalitha Mahal Road here on Sunday.

Noting that the measures taken by the District Administration to stop the spread of the deadly virus is satisfactory, Ravikumar, however, cautioned against any laxity in the coming days.

Stressing on the need to maintain strict COVID-19 protocol and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) announced by the Government at least for the next couple of months even though the vaccine has arrived, he asked the officials to point out if there were any shortcomings in vaccine dry run conducted on Saturday.

Directing the officials to come up with a chart on the schedule for vaccinating people in the district, he sought to know the measures that would be taken to store the vaccines as and when they arrive.

Lauding the District Administration for its efforts to stop the spread of the deadly contagion, he reiterated that officials should not show any laxity in maintaining the momentum of the measures that are already in place.

Regional Commissioner G.C. Prakash, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) B.A. Paramesh, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amarnath, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth were present during the occasion.

NHAI takes up ORR asphalting works

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (RK&BCT)- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has taken up the asphalting of the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

In the first phase, the 10-km stretch between Columbia Asia Hospital signal and Hinkal Junction flyover would be asphalted, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha who recently went for an inspection of the ORR.

The first phase of the works would be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 15 crore and the asphalting is being taken up where 40-mm thick asphalt layer is laid as per standards.

The MP inspected the road thickness along with engineers and suggested the contractors to prevent water-logging near medians which would ultimately damage the road.

The remaining 32-km stretches of the ORR from Hinkal Junction till H.D. Kote Road Junction, Nanjangud Road Junction, T. Narasipur Road Junction and from Bannur Road Junction till the Columbia Asia Hospital Junction would be taken up within one month, Pratap Simha said.

Chief Secretary unhappy over stagnant industrial growth

Industries Department Joint Director Lingaraju seen greeting State Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar at ATI auditorium on Lalitha Mahal Road in city on Sunday.

In another meeting at the same venue (ATI) which was attended by officials from Industries and Labour Departments, Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar received inputs on the industrial scenario in the district.

Regretting that industrial progress in the district was not on expected lines, Ravikumar expressed displeasure that the district was lacking in industries despite having a good infrastructure and a conducive Industrial atmosphere.

Observing that Mysuru has remained stagnant in industrial growth for the past two decades in spite of good road, rail and air connectivity, he directed the authorities to prepare a road map for a spurt in Industrial growth.

Joint Director of Industries Department, Lingaraju, said that there are 11 Industrial areas and five Industrial Estates in the district. Pointing out that Hebbal and Hootagalli Industrial Areas have recorded good progress, he said that Tandya, Himmavu, Adakanahalli and other Industrial Areas are headed towards progress.

Noting that the Asian Paints factory, coming up at Himmavu, will have eight ancillary units and the TVS factory near Nanjangud has three ancillary units, Lingaraju said that a total of 2,029 acres of land has been acquired for Industrial Area in Nanjangud. Out of this land, 1,500 acres are available for setting up of industries, while the rest of the land will be utilised for providing infrastructure, he added.

Later, the Chief Secretary received information on the indefinite protest staged by land loser families who are demanding jobs in Asian Paints factory at Himmavu for having parted with their land for the setting up of the factory and the industrial scenario in Nanjangud, where some major industries are shutting down and several others are facing labour crisis, with workers staging protests against factory managements for unfair labour practices.

Assistant Commissioner Dr. N.C. Venkataraju, Assistant Labour Commissioner D.C. Thammanna and other officials were present.

No shows in theatres till Producers make movies

Not possible to open cinema halls just for one movie, says Karnataka Film Exhibitors' Federation

Karnataka Film Exhibitors' Federation Chairman R.R. Odugoudar seen addressing the media in city on Sunday as Federation Vice-President M.R. Rajaram looks on.

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (MK&BCT)- With movie Producers unwilling to release films in theatres due to seating restrictions amid the pandemic, Karnataka Film Exhibitors' Federation has asked Producers to submit a list of films that are ready so that theatres can be opened to screen those movies.

Speaking to reporters after a meeting of Karnataka Film Exhibitors' Federation at Saraswathi Theatre in Saraswathipuram on Sunday, its Chairman R.R. Odugoudar said that the Government had given its nod to reopen theatres with restrictions and by following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) as per the Unlock 5.0 guidelines with 50 percent attendance. "We are ready to open theatres, but at least we must have a list of films that are ready," he said.

"It is not possible to open theatres with just one or two films in hand and we have had a meeting of Film Producers where it was conveyed to us that only 'Pogaru' Kannada cinema was ready for screening. How can we open the theatres for only one cinema? There is no meaning in opening all the theatres just for one movie," he said and added that at least five to six cinemas must be ready for a part of theatres to open.

Percentage-based module

"Till then we will be forced to close our theatres. Both exhibitors and producers are in distress. Besides, we have been demanding the Government levy electricity charges at industrial rate instead of commercial rate and permit us to collect percentage-based service charge on net rate of tickets for both non-AC theatres and AC ones like the system is being practiced in multiplexes. Producers have to agree for percentage system. But our demands have not been met," he said.

Producers must agree to change the existing business module of fixed weekly payments to a percentage-based module, he said.

"Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh Governments have announced special packages for theatre owners where loan facility of Rs. 10 lakh is being provided. The loan is interest-free for first year and from second year, the loans can be repaid in easy instalments. The Karnataka Government too must announce such relief packages and we appeal to the Chief Minister to announce such a package that will benefit both city and rural theatres," he said.

Preference will be given to Kannada language when compared to other languages. "Let Kannada movies release first and other languages can come later. In Tamil and Telugu, three movies are ready to be released," he added.

Federation Vice-President M.R. Rajaram said, there were more than 450 members in the Federation and all the 12 theatres in Mysuru too are members. "All members of the Federation have met twice and it is not possible to screen just one movie in all the 12 theatres in Mysuru as it will increase the burden on theatre owners. If only 50 percent of the audience is allowed, the income is only sufficient for rentals, salaries and taxes. What about the other expenditure," he questioned.

Rajaram said that it was a wrong notion that if the ticket prices are increased there will be more income. "Ticket pricing will remain the same. It is better to have some activity instead of theatres being idle. If not profits, we must see to it that there are no losses. Let Producers release cinemas and we are ready to screen them," he added.

Dereliction of duty

Biligere Sub-Inspector, Constable suspended

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (RK&KS)- Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth has suspended Biligere (Nanjangud taluk) Sub-Inspector (SI) Akash and Constable Ramakrishna for failing to prevent sand mining from Kapila River, thus showing dereliction in performing their duties.

Though there were several complaints of illegal sand mining taking place in Kapila River near Suttur Srikshetra, no steps were taken to prevent the same.

SP Ryshyanth, who got a report from Nanjangud Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talwar, found the SI and the Constable had shown dereliction in duties and suspended them from service on Dec. 31.

Surveyor in ACB net while accepting bribe

Hanumantharaya

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (KS)- The sleuths of Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB), have trapped a land surveyor while accepting bribe to do a land survey work.

The arrested is Hanumantharaya, a Surveyor at Mysuru Taluk Office.

Details: One P. Harish Alva, owner of one acre and 11 gunta land at Survey No. 137/1 at Byathahalli village in Jayapura hobli, wanted a separate *podi* for 11 gunta land and had instructed Manjunath Aradhya of Mahadevapura in J.P. Nagar to get it done.

Manjunath, who came to the Taluk Office at Mini Vidhana Soudha, met Surveyor Hanumantharaya, who demanded Rs. 10,000 for the work.

Again on Dec. 31, Hanumantharaya called Manjunath and demanded Rs. 8,000 to get the work done, following which a complaint was lodged at the ACB Police Station.

The ACB Police, after registering a case in this regard, decided to trap the Surveyor and on Jan. 4 trapped Surveyor Hanumantharaya while he was accepting the bribe.

ACB SP (South Zone) Dr. Suman D. Pennekar and Dy.SP Parashuramappa supervised Inspectors A. Karim Rowther and K.S. Niranjan and staff in the operation.

Police remove rusting barricades

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (SPN&KS)- Following publication of the news item titled 'Rust In Peace: Public outcry against negligence of Police Department' in *Star of Mysore* yesterday, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) - Crime and Traffic, M.S. Geetha Prasanna, has got the 12 metal barricades removed from the roadside besides issuing a clarification.

According to the report, a dozen of metal barricades, reportedly belonging to the Police Department, were left on the Ring Road to rust and the public had accused the Police Department of wasting tax-payers' money. These metal barricades were found on the roadside near Adarsh Nagar on Dattagalli Ring Road route since many months.

DCP clarifies

Clarifying on the matter, **DCP Geetha Prasanna** stated that the metal barricades do not belong to Mysuru City Police as they belong to Mysuru District Police. She further clarified that action has been taken in this matter and the barricades have been removed from the reported place.

MUDA site scam accused also involved in cheating at Bengaluru and Belagavi

Mysuru, Jan. 5- It has now come to light that Sagar Deshpande, who was recently arrested by the City Police on charges of cheating several persons to the tune of crores of rupees on the promise of getting MUDA sites, is also involved in similar cheating cases at Bengaluru and Belagavi.

Sagar Deshpande, a 31-year-old owner of a restaurant in city, was arrested by Saraswathipuram Police in Maharashtra's Shirdi a few days ago on complaints that he had cheated more than 20 persons who included doctors, teachers and advocates of more than Rs. 2 crore collectively, on the promise of getting them MUDA sites.

Sagar Deshpande, a native of Belagavi, is accused of creating fake site documents and fake MUDA letterheads in order to lure MUDA site aspirants to shell out money.

Saraswathipuram Police had registered a case against Sagar Deshpande and B.S. Myna, a lady staff at his restaurant, following a complaint by G. Kavitha and Madina Asghar Nadaf, both residents of Madhuvanahalli Block in K.R. Nagar on Dec. 11, 2020, accusing the duo of cheating them on the promise of getting a MUDA site after receiving a huge sum of money.

The Police, who carried out a probe, discovered that Sagar used to collect money from gullible site aspirants after introducing his restaurant staff Myna as his partner in the site business.

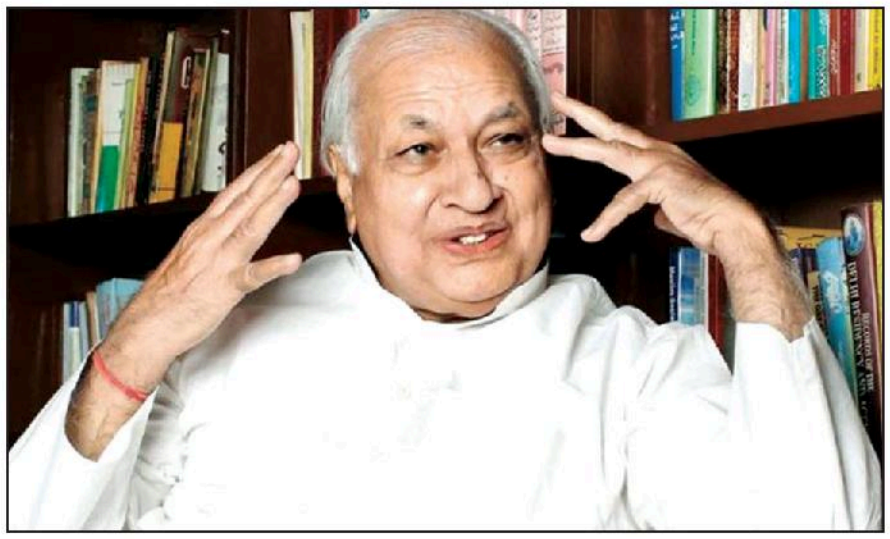
But the Police have not taken any action so far against Myna as there is no evidence of her role in cheating.

The Police probe also revealed that Sagar Deshpande is involved in similar cheating cases at his native Belagavi and the State capital Bengaluru.

Columnist thinks he is God: Governor

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George



Arif Mohammed Khan, Governor of Kerala

With apologies to readers, I would like to share this week's column with Sri Arif Mohammed Khan, Governor of Kerala. He disapproved of some critical remarks I made about him and wrote:

Dear Sri TJS George,

I am writing this letter not to rebut what you have written in your piece in *The New Indian Express* today, that is on 27.12.2020. I feel I am an avid reader of books and newspapers but I have rarely come across a piece which makes one say: "But for the grace of God, here is a piece written by God himself."

I would like to thank you for spending so much time and energy to read my heart and intentions and judging me as the "most frustrated politician." From your piece it appears that you are more privy to my convictions than I am, and have chosen to articulate them by saying that: "He has been made Governor when his own conviction is that he can serve the country best by being a power-wielding Minister."

You further say: "He is taking out his frustration on the elected Government in Kerala." In your judgement you sound like God who is all-knowing about innermost feelings and has the right to judge, and not like a veteran writer who is supposed to give his opinions based on available facts and not distort facts to project this biases and prejudices.

First, you hold my 'frustration' responsible for the "ugly situation" and in the next para you allege that what I have done is to prove my loyalty to Modi Government which sees farmers as enemies. Now surely both contentions cannot be true at the same time.

About my alleged conviction to become a power-wielding Minister, I would like to bring to your notice the following facts which are public knowledge but you have chosen to ignore.

That I became a junior Minister in UP Government in June 1977, when I had just completed 25 years, but few months later when I developed differences with the Chief Minister on handling of law and order situation, I immediately resigned from the Government. So much for my love of power at that young age.

That in 1985, as MoS in the Ministry of Home Affairs I had defended the Supreme Court verdict on Shah Bano in Lok Sabha. But in 1986, when the then Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi developed cold feet and succumbed to the divisive and communal demand of Muslim Personal Law Board, I resigned from the Government on the day the Bill to reverse the Supreme Court judgement was introduced in Parliament. Before his volte face, the Prime Minister had transferred me to Power Department with independent charge, possibly to mollify me. In 1986, when I resigned, the Prime Minister had a Parliamentary majority of 400-plus members and no one at that time had even remotely entertained the idea that the Government of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi may face any threat in near future. And for your information in 1986, I was just 35- years-old.

In 1990, after Chandrashekhar Ji, for whom I had great feeling of respect and fondness, became Prime Minister. He was kind enough to invite me to join his Government but I politely refused.

I do not wish to give you similar other instances but it would be appropriate to mention that in September 2014, I received a communication from BJP leadership about taking some responsibility which again I declined politely due to personal reasons.

In past I had to sever my political links, but every time this happened, I gave up some position of power and did not do it to get into some new powerful position.

But speaking psychologically, human beings are prone to see others in the mirror of their own dispositions and inclinations and therefore you have every right to view me accordingly.

You have further insinuated that "ugly situation" created by me "has been saved from becoming a public scandal only by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's diplomatic handling of it."

I do not know what are you referring to. It is true that on 22.12.2020, he expressed his regrets on my seeking clarifications but on 24.12.2020, while proposing to hold emergent session on 31.12.2020, he has detailed out the grounds to justify an emergency Session, as I had suggested in my queries to the earlier proposal which had casually mentioned "to discuss some important issues." So while the validity of the queries that I raised became clear to the Chief Minister and Ministers, you have decided to ignore them in your article.

Further you have asserted that "the State Government wanted to call a special session of the legislature to express support to the ongoing farmers' agitation."

The State Government had proposed to summon the regular session on 08.01.2021 on 17.12.2020. The file reached my office at 6.30 pm on 18.12.2020. December 19 and 20 were holidays. I approved their decision in the morning of 21.12.2020 and immediately sent back the file. On the same day, I received another note saying that the Cabinet had decided to withdraw the earlier decision and now they propose to hold a special session on 23.12.2020 to "discuss some important issues."

For your kind information, there is no mention of special Session in the Rule Book. Yes, the Book says that a Session can be summoned on a short notice or emergently. I have already made it clear that as far as the regular session is concerned, which requires 15 days notice, the Governor has no discretion and since I have assumed office, I have always approved their proposals to summon sessions without any delay.

But legally speaking when a proviso is invoked to summon an emergency session then it must be accompanied by a detailed note containing grounds to show the nature of emergency. The proposal of 21.12.2020, mentioned no grounds; it merely said: "to discuss some important issues." **I hope you remember how severely eminent Jurists had criticised the then President of India, Sri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad, for signing all documents during emergency without applying his mind. It was then that the term "Rubber Stamp" was frequently used.**

You may differ with me but I am convinced that whenever the Government decides to depart from normal rules and takes recourse to emergency provisions, I shall not give my approval without applying my mind and satisfying myself that genuine grounds exist which justify invocation of emergency rules. In this case I have done what my understanding of law dictated me to do and shall do the same in future in the eventuality of Government not spelling out the grounds while invoking emergency provisions.

For your kind information my Government has already agreed to this proposition and the fresh proposal to summon Assembly has come with an exhaustive note. I may or may not agree with their reasoning but they have fulfilled the requirement.

I do not wish to comment on the rest of your article which is full of baseless charges like "Modi Government seeing farmers as enemies." That is your opinion and opinion is free but the facts are sacred. And the fact is that by elimination of middlemen, farmers have already started benefiting and hopefully will substantially increase their income in few years when the new laws come into full play.

You are a veteran journalist and writer, I feel you have every right to scrutinise my views and actions, but you or for that matter anybody else has no right to attribute motives or scrutinise what you presume are my intentions. I am not asking *The New Indian Express* to publish it, but I have a duty to put the record straight by giving you fact which you may not be aware of.

Best,
Arif Mohammed Khan

To this I replied:

Dear Sri Arif Mohammed Khan,

Thank you for your note. I am too mundane a journalist to have any pretensions of being God. Also, I have no allegiance to any party, any ideology, any religion. My only allegiance is to my profession. I will happily publish your letter so that your views reach the public as freely as mine do. I trust God won't mind that...

George

Clear cables from electric poles on 'Ambaari' bus route or face action, CESC warns

After route inspection, KSTDC writes to CESC

Cables found hanging across the electrcic poles near Kalamandira on Hunsur Road in city, which would become an impediment in the movement of 'Ambaari' open-roof-top bus that is awaiting launch.

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (SSV)- Having found optical fibre and dish TV cables hung zig-zag to electric poles during route inspection by Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) before embarking on operation of 'Ambaari', a specially-built double-decker bus for open-roof tours in Mysuru, KSTDC officials have asked Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Company Limited (CESC) to take steps for its removal at the earliest.

Last week, the KSTDC officials from Bengaluru went on the route inspection across the city and found the optical fibre and dish cables tied to the electric poles near Ramaswamy Circle, Kalamandira and Ayurveda Circle (near K.R. Hospital), an impediment in the movement of 'Ambaari.' After going back, the KSTDC officials have written to the CESC officers to register case against those individuals/companies who have put the cables to the electric poles and get them removed immediately.

In fact, the CESC has already shifted overhead high tension/low tension electric cable all along the bus route and laid them underground. However, optical fibre and dish TV cables are still found tied to the electric poles at many places.

'Ambaari' parked in KSTDC premises (Hotel Mayura) on JLB Road in city.

Will book cases: CESC SE

"We have found those cables unauthorisedly tied to our poles. We demand those concerned to remove it voluntarily failing which cases will be booked and cables will be removed without any further information," said K.M. Munigopalaraju, Superintending Engineer (SE), CESC, in a press release here.

No date fixed

A KSTDC officer told *Star of Mysore* that so far, no date has been fixed for the formal launching of 'Ambaari' open-roof-top bus in the city to woo tourists. "It was supposed to be launched during last year Dasara festival but it was postponed as the State Government decided to celebrate the 'Naada Habba' in a simple manner due to COVID-19 pandemic. The date of opening this service to tourists will be decided in the Head Office, Bengaluru, soon," he added.

80,000 street lights to be replaced with LED bulbs

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Mysuru, a first city

Mysuru was not selected under the Central Government's Smart City project despite the city bagging India's Cleanest City title twice. This had riled up former Mayors, prominent personalities and opinion makers of Mysuru. If a city is selected under Smart City project, LED lighting project comes automatically to the city.

A delegation of former Mayors, cutting across party lines, exerted pressure on the Government to at least sanction LED lighting project to Mysuru. The Government agreed as Mysuru had already been selected for the pilot project. "Mysuru is the first city in Karnataka where the LED project is being implemented despite not being selected among the Smart Cities," Gurudatta Hegde revealed.

Centralised Control System: The project will be implemented with a Centralised Control and Monitoring System (CCMS) with smart meters and Internet of Things (IOT) controllers. This enables integration of all LED lamps and they can be operated remotely through wireless communication.

MCC Superintending Engineer Biligiri Rangaswamy told *SOM* that CCMS enables MCC engineers to operate, control, monitor and rectify the integrated LEDs remotely via wireless communication.

"The system works on a node-and-hub model where each LED lamp is connected (geo-tagged) to a controller and metering unit — a smart meter.

The data collected is transmitted to the centralised hub for efficient control and monitoring. A Control Room will be established at the MCC Office and operators will be stationed there," he explained.

One bribery case, two disciplinary actions

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Meanwhile, after suspending Village Accountant Satish, the Mysuru DC has sought a clarification on the involvement of Revenue Inspector Anil Kumar in the bribe matter, according to Mysuru Taluk Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith.

Case background

Selva Shekar, a resident of Belakavadi in Malavalli Taluk, had purchased some land at Varuna village and in order to make a Khata for the land, he approached Village Accountant Satish who allegedly demanded Rs. 40,000.

Satish then took Selva Shekar to Revenue Inspector Anil Kumar and money was settled at Rs. 40,000 and Selva was asked to pay an advance of Rs. 10,000. When the work was not done, Selva again called Satish who told the former that he had to pay the remaining amount and come to the Taluk Office to speak with Anil Kumar.

Anil Kumar *Sathish*

Selva recorded the conversation and agreed to come to the Taluk Office with Rs. 30,000 on the evening of Dec. 15. Before coming to meet the officers, Selva had informed the ACB sleuths who laid a trap and had caught the officers red-handed while allegedly accepting the money. Satish and Anil Kumar were arrested and the bribe money was seized.

Bird Flu Scare: Mysuru Zoo on high alert

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The RFO further said that the DCF has instructed the staff to inform villagers, who have agricultural land in the sanctuary surroundings to immediately inform the Forest Department staff, if they come across any dead bird besides asking the forest staff to inform the higher officials about the same and send the bird carcass to the lab for testing.

RFO Surendra said that samples of bird droppings are being collected to be sent for testing and added that till now, there were no changes in the behaviour of birds nor has any bird shown the symptoms of bird flu.

Meanwhile, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj said that there are no poultry farms under MCC limits but there are 120 to 150 stalls selling chicken meat in MCC limits.

He further said that the MCC has asked the chicken stall owners to inform MCC authorities if any chicken die under mysterious circumstances besides asking them to keep the stalls clean.

Animal Husbandry Department Deputy Director Dr. Suresh told *SOM* that all poultry farm owners have been instructed to report any unnatural death of poultry in their farms besides stating that the Department staff have been instructed to keep vigil on lakes in and around Mysuru where migratory birds roost.

He further said that owners of goods vehicles transporting chicken to Kerala and coming back to the State have been instructed to disinfect their vehicle and the cages before entering the State.

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Judging achievers by caste is not correct: Kautilya Raghu

Sri Arvind Maharshi Awards conferred

Kannada Development Authority Chairman T.S. Nagabharana and Devaraja Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya presenting Sri Arvind Maharshi Awards to achievers in various fields at IEI premises on JLB Road in city on Friday last as others look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (SPN&SSV)- Identifying achievers by caste was like insulting their achievements, opined R. Raghu Kautilya, Chairman, Devaraja Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation.

He was speaking at a function organised at the premises of Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city by Anveshana Seva Trust to present Sri Arvind Maharshi Awards to achievers in various fields on the occasion of the 106th birth anniversary of littérateur Chaduranga here on Friday last.

Stating that the achievements of well-known littérateurs like Kuvempu, Da.Ra. Bendre, K. Shivaram Karanth, K.S. Narasimhaswamy, Chaduranga and others would remain even in coming 100 years, Raghu said that such achievers should not be identified by their caste.

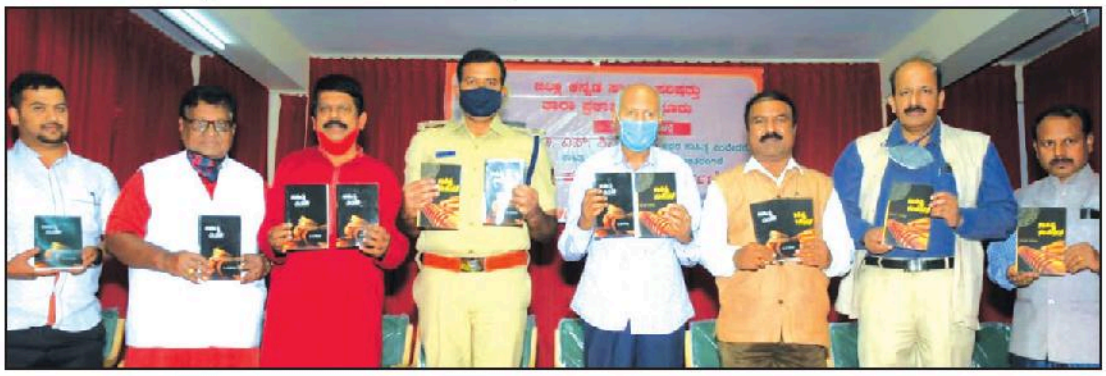
"Are achievements of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar or Rajmatha Vani Vilasa Sannidhana less? We are not remembering kings who built this State. Except garlanding their statues, we are not doing anything. I will demand the District Administration to celebrate the birth anniversary of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar on the lines of Mysuru Dasara," he added.

He said that former Chief Minister Devaraja Urs constituted Havanur Commission to uplift the Backward Classes. Former Vice-Chancellor of Mysore University Prof. M. Madaiah had done remarkable achievement in Economics in international level. Likewise, the achievements of Chaduranga in the field of Kannada literature and film were not known to the current generation, he added.

Felicitated: Prof. K. Mahadevan from Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, *Mysuru Mithra* columnist V. Ranganath, UoM retired Professor C. Ramaswamy, Mahindra & Mahindra Company General Manager Vijayakanth Urs and Kannada Jagruthi Samiti Mysuru District Member Vinodamma were felicitated on the occasion.

Kannada Development Authority Chairman T.S. Nagabharana, Anveshana Seva Trust President Dr. M.G.R. Urs, Ursu Mandali President H.M.T. Lingaraje Urs, Treasurer K. Bhaskar, *Mysuru Mithra* columnist Gubbigudu Ramesh, former Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru District President Maddikere Gopal and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar were present.

Translation is the best way to propagate literary works, says littérateur Dr. CPK



Books *Sahitya Samvedane, Sahitya Vimarshe* **and** *Kalhanana Rajatarangini* **released**

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (PM&DM)- Observing that translation is the best way for promoting literary works of any language, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar (CPK) said that any aversion to translation is not good for literature.

He was speaking after releasing three works — *Sahitya Samvedane, Sahitya Vimarshe* and *Kalhanana Rajatarangini* — of writer Dr. S. Shivarajappa, who is also the Director of Oriental Research Institute (ORI) - Mysuru, at a programme jointly organised by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Tara Prakashana at the District Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar here recently.

Regretting that most of the people tend to ignore the art of translation, Dr. CPK said that in reality, translation is key for advancement of the language in all respects.

Pointing out that Dr. Shivarajappa's Sanskrit work *Kalhanana Rajatarangini* has eight chapters, he said that the work is unique in its own sense, with the author translating the first chapter into Kannada.

Stating that the work sheds light on the history of a Kashmiri Royal family, he said that the work assumes importance in the backdrop of ancient times when character was considered more important than recording history.

He further said that Dr. Shivarajappa had done an excellent job of writing the books at a time when reading habit is declining among the population.

DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, writer Dr. Jayappa Honnali, author Dr. S. Shivarajappa and others were present during the occasion.

State pushes One District One Product scheme

Nanjangud Rasabale, Kodagu Coffee, Mandya Jaggery in the list of products to be promoted

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (BCT)- To tackle the economic slump resulting from COVID-19 pandemic, the State Government is pushing for the 'One District One Product' (ODOP) scheme with an intention to promote micro food processing industry.

The scheme has been launched by the Union Government where a cluster approach will be adopted while providing credit-linked subsidy for setting up two lakh micro processing units across the country with an estimated cost of Rs. 10,000 crore.

Under the scheme, one product from the district will be promoted and Nanjangud Rasabale from Mysuru district, coffee from Kodagu and jaggery from Mandya find a mention in the list prepared by the State Government to be promoted under the scheme.

Other products include bakery products from Bengaluru, seafood from Udupi and onions from Bagalkot, red gram from Kalaburagi, lemon from Vijayapura, mango from Haveri, Byadagi Menasinakai (chillies) from Gadag, ginger from Bidar, fig from Ballari, guava from Koppal district, spices from Chikkamagaluru district and pineapples from Shivamogga.

The famous and delicious banana variety Nanjangud Rasabale is mainly grown in Mysuru district. Rasabale is famous for its special taste and aroma and the fruits are always in high demand in the market with maximum price compared to other banana varieties.

A few years back, this variety was grown in thousands of acres surrounding Nanjangud and Mysuru but now the cultivation is restricted to over 30 acres. Owing to the specific and rare qualities like taste, smell and pulp quality, the Nanjangud Rasabale was given the Geographical Indication (GI) protection in 2005 under the Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

Likewise, Kodagu is known for its coffee production. India ranks fifth in the world in terms of coffee production and 71 percent of this coffee comes from Kodagu. It is also nicknamed the 'coffee cup' of India where some of the world's best varieties of coffee — Robusta and Arabica — are grown.

Under the scheme, each State would identify food products for a district keeping in view the existing clusters and availability of raw materials. The Central Government has approved Karnataka's list under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme.

This would help small businesses involved in the selected product to get Government support in seeking loans and gaining training to market their products. Support for common infrastructure and branding and marketing would be done for the products identified under the scheme.

Under the scheme, existing individual micro food processing units wanting to upgrade their units can avail credit-linked capital subsidy at 35 percent of the eligible project cost with a maximum ceiling of Rs. 10 lakh per unit.

Conflicts arise only when truth is challenged: Dr. Bhyrappa

Saraswathi Samman awardee opens office to mobilise funds for construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya

Noted Kannada novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, who released booklets, receipt books and coupons for fund collection drive in city on Sunday, seen with Sri Ramajanmabhoomi Theerthakshetra Trust State President M. Venkataram, who is also Karnataka South Region Executive Member of the RSS; Mysuru Region Sangh Chalak Dr. Vaman Rao Bapat, K.P. Pradyumna and Krishnaprasad.

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (SBD&BCT)- Noted Kannada novelist and *Saraswathi Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa inaugurated "Sri Rama Mandira Nirmana Nidhi Samarpana Abhiyaan Karyalaya (office to mobilise funds for construction of Sri Ram Temple in Ayodhya) at RSS Office 'Madhava Krupa' on Sunday evening. He released booklets, receipt books and coupons for fund collection drive. The event was organised by Sri Ramajanmabhoomi Theerthakshetra Trust.

Addressing the gathering, the novelist said that religious fights will not occur if everyone accepts truth and facts. "Conflicts take place only when truth is challenged by vested interests. All religions have their own way of describing truth and if one does not accept truth, conflicts arise," he said.

"Hinduism right from its beginning, from Vedic times, was a liberal movement. Hinduism is not a religion founded by dogma. There is diversity in Hinduism and it accepts all other religions. We analyse Hindu Gods and Goddesses and even criticise their actions and these are quite open in Hinduism but not in other religions. If you criticise the Gods of other faiths, the followers of other religions will take strong objection," he said.

He wished that the Ram Temple that is being built at Ayodhya should be a place of spiritual learning. "Contribution in any form to this temple of learning is valuable. It is not enough if you just contribute money. You must know the background of the Temple and about Lord Ram," he added.

Law against cow slaughter

Defending the proposed law against cow slaughter in Karnataka, Dr. Bhyrappa said that cow symbolised non-violence. "We share a mother and child relationship with the cow and each one of us grew up consuming cow's milk. As children do not renounce their mother when she becomes old, we do not slaughter a cow when it is incapable of giving birth to calves and yielding milk," he said.

Not only milk, there are other benefits as the animal produces dung which is a fertiliser. "If a farmer uses chemical fertilisers in agriculture, there is a chance of us suffering from cancer. Farmers should instead use cow dung. People who criticise the anti-cow slaughter law lack basic knowledge about farming but are floating various theories and dogmas to oppose the law," he said.

Farm legislation

On the opposition to the farm legislation passed by the Centre, Dr. Bhyrappa said the protests in Delhi were by farmers from Punjab alone and was not representative of the views of all the farmers across the country. "The new laws empower farmers to sell their produce to anyone who made a better offer, instead of selling it at APMC yards," he said.

Farmers can sell their produce within the State or anywhere else in the country and there will be no restriction on this type of trade. This will benefit the farmers that they will be able to sell their produce to the merchant wherever they get a higher price, Dr. Bhyrappa explained.

The novelist suspected that Congress and Communists were instigating the farmers to oppose the laws that are actually beneficial to them. "There are political parties that are unable to digest the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and hence they are instigating the farmers," he added.

Sri Ramajanmabhoomi Theerthakshetra Trust State President M. Venkataram, who is also Karnataka South Region Executive Member of the RSS, Mysuru Region Sangh Chalak Dr. Vaman Rao Bapat, K.P. Pradyumna and Krishnaprasad were present.

Thousands of Hanuman devotees take out procession in Srirangapatna

Srirangapatna, Jan.5 (Vinay Karekura)- Marking Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, thousands of Hanuma Maladhaaris (Hanuman devotees) took out a grand procession in the Fort town of Srirangapatna in Mandya district on Sunday.

The Hindu Jagaran Vedike had organised the procession called as 'Sankeerthana Yatre.'

The Maladhaaris converged at Hanuman temple in Ganjam near the town, where they performed puja to Lord Hanuman under the leadership of Keelara Nityananda Guru Mutt's Atmanandapuri Swamiji. Later they marched in a procession along with a vehicle carrying the idol of Lord Hanuman. The procession, after passing through the main roads outside the town, entered the inside of town through East Fort entrance and culminated at the town's famed Sri Ranganathaswamy temple grounds.

Addressing the Maladhaaris, Vishwa Hindu Parishat (VHP) Mandya District Vice-President Balaramegowda, also a former Additional SP, declared that Moodalabagila Anjaneyaswamy temple in the town will be reconstructed in a year.

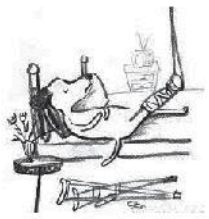
He also urged the Government for Pan-India introduction of Anti-Cow Slaughter Bill at the earliest. The entire town wore a colourful look on Sunday with orange flags dotting every space in and around the town.

As the Maladhaaris marched in the procession, people who had lined up along the streets, offered fruits, juices and sweets to them. The District Police had made elaborate security arrangements for the event, with a good number of Policemen deployed all along the route.

VHP District President Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma, Hindu Jagaran Vedike leaders Krishna Bhat, Keshavamurthy, Basavaraju, RSS leaders G. Umesh and Chandan, writer Sudhakar Hosalli and others took part.

WORD OF THE DAY

Convalesce



Pronunciation: kahn-vuh-LESS.
Meaning: To recover health and strength gradually after sickness or weakness.
Origin: When you convalesce, you heal or grow strong after illness or injury, often by staying off your feet. The related adjective convalescent means "recovering from sickness or debility," and a convalescent home is a hospital for long-term recuperation and rehabilitation. Convalesce derives from the Latin verb convalescere, which combines the prefix com- ("with, together, jointly") with the verb valescere ("to grow strong"). Valescere, in turn, is related to the verb valēre ("to be strong or be well"), which is also an ancestor of prevail, valor, value, and valid.
Example: According to the article, the athlete is still convalescing from her recent injury but expects to resume her training schedule by the end of the month.

THE ODD WORD

Cadilesker

Chief judge in the Turkish empire.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

To cast the first stone

Meaning: Be the first to attack a sinner. The implication in Jesus' teaching was that the members of the congregation were only in a position to condemn a sinner if they were without sin themselves — in other words, 'judge not lest you be judged'.
Origin: This phrase derives from the Bible- John 8:7. The earliest biblical example of it in print in English comes in Miles Coverdale's Bible, 1535:
Now whyle they contynued axynge him, he lift him self vp, and sayde vnto them: He that is amonge you without synne, let him cast the first stone at her. Casting the first stone was adroitly satirised in the stoning scene in The Life of Brian.

QUOTE BOX

A lucky man is someone who plants pebbles and harvests potatoes.

— Greek

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

S O E S
H W R

Answer: Scattered Showers.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Platter
5 Type of bomb
9 Former coin of France
12 One-named Irish singer
13 Zeus' wife
14 Trendy or fashionable
15 Electronics giant
16 Enmeshes, entangles or implicates
18 Patella
20 Pointed tool
21 The land east of Eden where Cain went to dwell
22 Naturally bright
25 ___ out : making last longer?
28 Large sea fish
29 Cry of delight
30 ___ And Abel : Jeffrey Archer's most famous novel?
31 A small lump of coal
32 Popular girl's name
33 Mischievous gnome
34 To free from
35 Worry
36 Motor fuel
38 Hound's prey?
39 Cheer
40 An illicit relationship
44 Guard or watchman
47 Continental exchange
48 Washington DC land
49 Wander about aimlessly
50 Oak for example
51 Damayanti's counterpart in Indian folklore
52 Blunders or strays
53 Scream or shout

DOWN

1 Office need
2 Let __ __ : tell? (2,2)
3 Auld Lang __ : days of long ago?
4 Hot condiment
5 In front
6 Casual worker
7 A sphere or globe
8 Loot, raid or plunder
9 Capital of Meghalaya
10 Slick stuff
11 Counterparts of "downs"
17 Have or possess
19 A small wheel or gear
22 To cry bitterly
23 Charged particles
24 __ is to say : in other words?
25 Barely managed
26 Indian goddess
27 Hellish; detestable or annoying
28 Chew the ___ : ruminate or ponder over?
31 Nothing at all
32 Fear or mental anguish
34 Take on rent again
35 Angle-of-attack
37 Day after Fri.
38 Thin layers or coatings
40 Limerick man
41 Confident or certain
42 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
43 Ex-Hyderabad off-spinner ___ David
44 Centre of solar system
45 Eur. Space Agcy
46 Neither partner

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	I	T	S	■	J	A	W	■	D	C	L	I
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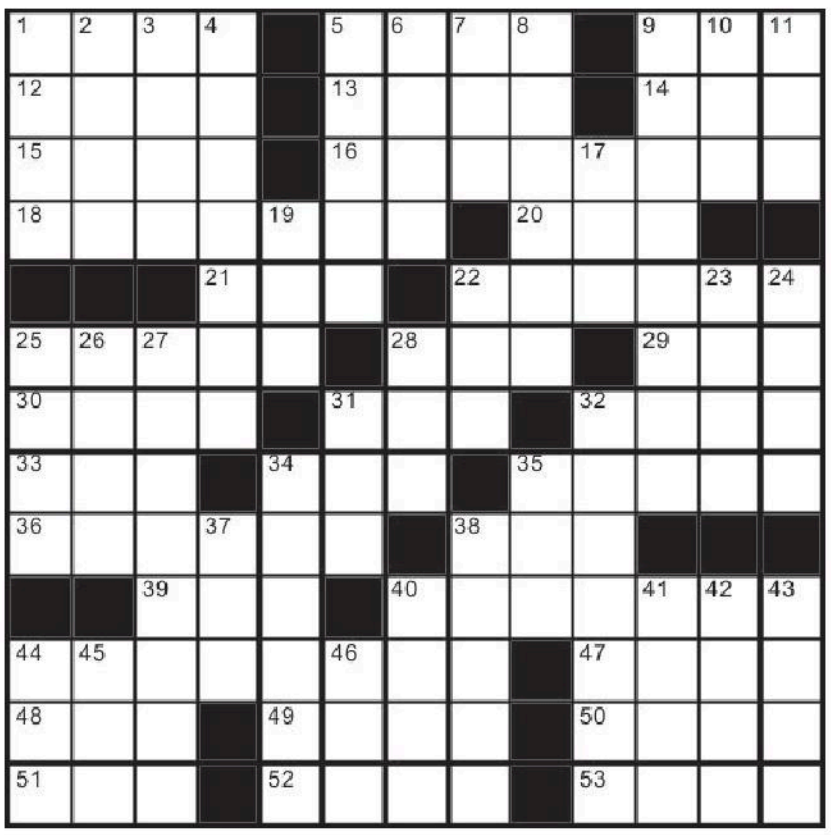

SUDOKO

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		4						1
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Answer to previous puzzle

5	9	2	3	7	8	6	4	1
6	8	7	5	4	1	3	2	9
4	3	1	2	9	6	8	5	7
7	4	6	9	8	3	5	1	2
1	5	9	6	2	7	4	8	3
3	2	8	4	1	5	9	7	6
8	6	4	7	3	2	1	9	5
2	1	3	8	5	9	7	6	4
9	7	5	1	6	4	2	3	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XUAZXMCUII HD TEH NHJ ZXU HX TEZV NHJ EZFU

KUUS, NHJ BZS KU TEZV NHJ TZSV VH KU.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A human being must have occupation if he or she is not to become a nuisance to the world.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 5)

- **Sri Ramadhama, Udayagiri:** Pratishtapane and Brahmakalashotsava related rituals, Chakraabja Mandala Puja, Ashlesha Bali, **Evening.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom,Textiles and Commerce; INDEXT-c, Government of Gujarat:** Special Handloom Expo and Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an exhibition-cum-sale of vast collections of handlooms, dress materials and sarees from across the country, Nanjaraj Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **House and Festiworld:** Indian Art and Craft Expo, open ground, near Apollo Hospital, Maraleshwara Temple, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **up to 9.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 6)

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Balaji Theatre **Ph: 2497199**

Vanguard (E) - 3 Shows

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Rajathantra (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-1)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	11.10 am, 4.40 pm
	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am, 4.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
	(S-3)	1.45 pm
	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Ram Prasad Ki Tehrvi (H)	(S-3)	7.30 pm, 9.55 pm

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Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 3.00 pm 6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	8.45 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-3)	11.45 am, 2.35 pm 5.40 pm
	(S-4)	9.15 pm
Rajathantra (K)	(S-4)	12.00 noon, 6.05 pm
Ram Prasad Ki Tehrvi (H)	(S-4)	3.10 pm

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	(S-2)	4.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
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	(S-4)	7.00 pm
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NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Hyderabad returns to winning ways after 4-1 victory against Chennaiyin

Eli Sabia (Chennaiyin FC) leaps to win a Hero ISL 2020-21 match against Chennaiyin FC at GMC Stadium in Bambolim, Goa, last evening.

Bambolim, Jan. 5- Hyderabad FC returned to winning ways in style in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 after a 4-1 victory against Chennaiyin FC at the GMC Stadium in Bamboli, Goa, last evening.

Two early 2nd half goals by Joel Chianese and Halicharan Narzary put Hyderabad in the driver's seat before Anirudh Thapa halved the deficit for Chennaiyin. However, any chance of a Chennaiyin comeback were put to rest shortly after, courtesy a Joao Victor stunner and Narzary's second goal of the night.

Hero of the Match: Halicharan Narzary (Hyderabad); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Fran Sandaza (Hyderabad).

Garba Dance at JSS Mysore Urban Haat tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 5- The artistes who have come for Gujarat Utsav which is underway at JSS Urban Haat, Metagalli, since Dec. 30, 2020, will be presenting traditional Gujarat dance 'Garba' tomorrow (Jan. 6) between 6.30 pm and 9 pm.

Over 50 artists will be performing for ten different tunes. Garba is a dance form originated in Gujarat, performed during Navarathri — a 9-day festival of Goddess Durga. Garba dance is usually performed in a circle around a big lamp or the statue of Goddess Shakti. Garba is often confused with Dandiya, which is another dance form of Gujarat performed during Navrathri. The major difference between the two dance forms is that Garba is performed in circular movements with hands and feet, while Dandiya is played with colorful sticks.

Another perspective on the symbolic form of Garba is that as the dancers move around in circles making circular movements with their hands and feet, it represents the circle of life, which moves from life to death to rebirth, leaving only the Goddess Durga unmoved, unchanging and invincible. While the dancers perform in colorful costumes to the rhythm of a dhol or a drum, the men and women look vibrant and full of life in their attires. Women wear Chaniya Choli, a traditional Gujarat dress with three piece outfit and men who perform wear Kediyu, a short round kurta along with Kafni Pajamas along with Pagdi on their head.

The modern day Garba is actually a fusion of Dandiya Raas and Garba.

Industrial Extension Cottage (IndExt-C) Executive Director D.M. Shukla and Manager R.R. Jadav have appealed craft-loving people of Mysuru to visit Gujarat Utsav and motivate artisans by purchasing their artifacts, which will provide them much needed livelyhood; and also enjoy the Garba Evening on Jan. 6.

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE — IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Jan. 5)

BENGALURU FC
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MUMBAI CITY
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Tomorrow's Match (Jan. 6)

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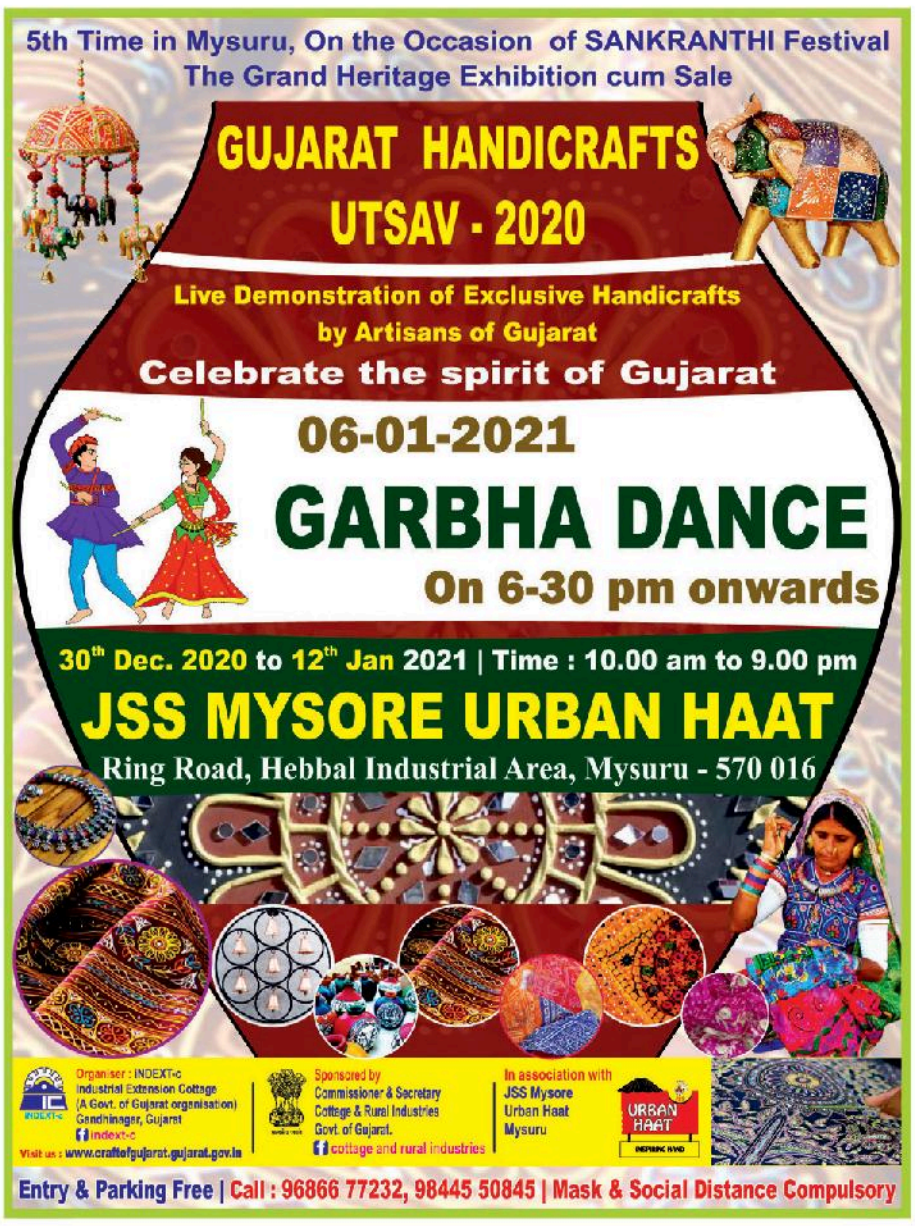
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